

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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a1/ 1. Peripheral apparatus which can be connected to
computer apparatus, comprising:

5 detecting means for detecting a voltage level of a
signal line connected to a personal computer;

power supply control means for controlling a
supply of an electric power from a power source to a
predetermined circuit in accordance with an output of
said detecting means;

10 communication request discriminating means for
judging whether a communication request of a
predetermined procedure has been received from the
personal computer after the electric power of the power
source was supplied to a predetermined power
15 consumption unit by said power supply control means or
not; and

control means for deciding the power supply
executed by said power supply control means on the
basis of the judgment result of said communication
20 request discriminating means.

2. Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said
detecting means detects a logic level of a data line
arranged between said personal computer and said
25 periphery apparatus and said communication request
discriminating means detects the presence or absence of
the communication request at said logic level detected

by said detecting means.

3. An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said data line and a line for the power supply are separately provided.

4. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said peripheral apparatus is an electronic camera.

5. An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said communication request discriminating means judges whether said electronic camera has been operated by an operator or controlled by the personal computer or not, and said control means executes a control in accordance with a result of said judgment.

6. An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said detecting means and discriminating means use the signal level transmitted through said data line as a power source.

7. A camera which can be connected to computer apparatus, comprising:
recording means for recording a photographed image;
detecting means for detecting a level of a data line which is connected to a personal computer;

discriminating means for judging whether an input signal is a predetermined command from said personal computer or not in accordance with an output of said detecting means;

5 image output means for outputting image data recorded by said recording means to said personal computer; and

control means for controlling a power supply to said recording means and said image output means in accordance with a judgment result of said discriminating means.

8. A camera according to claim 7, wherein said detecting means detects a logic level of the data line arranged between said personal computer and said camera and said discriminating means detects the presence or absence of a communication request at said logic level detected by said detecting means.

20 9. A camera according to claim 7, wherein said data line and a line for the power supply are separately provided.

25 10. A camera according to claim 7, wherein said recording means has a buffer for storing the photographed image information.

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11. A camera according to claim 7, wherein said detecting means and said discriminating means use the signal level transmitted through said data line as a power source.

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